

June 12, 2002

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## **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **Budget Conference Committee Update**

On Tuesday, June 11, 2002, the Conference Committee took the following actions on issues of importance to the County. While many of these actions restore budget reductions and are beneficial to the County, the Conference Committee has not addressed how they are to be funded, so their future is uncertain.

**DSH Administrative Fee.** Adopted the Assembly position to only increase the fee by \$55 million, as proposed in the January Budget.

**Trauma.** Adopted the Assembly position to continue California Trauma Care funding at \$25 million.

**CalWORKS County Administration.** Adopted the Assembly position to restore \$12 million and added \$28 million, resulting in a 6 percent rather than a 14 percent cut as proposed by the Governor

**Integrated Services for Homeless Adults Program.** Adopted the Assembly position to restore the Governor's \$10 million reduction.

**Adult and Children's Systems of Care.** Adopted the Senate position to restore full funding for the Children's System of Care and provide \$2 million for Adult System of Care in Los Angeles and Stanislaus counties.

**Suspension of State-mandate reimbursements.** Adopted the Senate position to fund mandates for education-related Mental Health programs.

**Adult Protective Services County Administration.** Adopted the Assembly position to reject the May Revision's 10 percent reduction.

**Medi-Cal/Healthy Families Outreach.** Adopted the Senate position to restore \$6 million for outreach through community organizations and schools.

**Express Lane Eligibility.** Adopted the Senate position to delay implementation until July 1, 2003 without pilot programs. Express Lane Eligibility deems students eligible for Medi-Cal who qualify for the National School Lunch Program.

**Healthy Families Program Parental Expansion.** Adopted the Assembly position to fund parental expansion but delayed implementation until October 1, 2002.

**Medi-Cal Quarterly Status Reports.** Adopted the Senate Republican proposal to reinstate Medi-Cal Quarterly Status Reports, which had been proposed by the Governor but rejected by the Assembly and Senate.

**CalWORKs/Medicaid Mental Health Match.** Adopted Senate trailer bill language to allow counties to annually set aside CalWORKs mental health funds to match Federal Medicaid dollars.

**CalWORKs COLA.** Adopted the Senate position to grant a COLA June 1, 2003.

**SSI/SSP.** Adopted the Senate position to grant a COLA June 1, 2003.

#### **Status of County Position Bills**

**County-supported SB 1162 (Polanco)** passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee on June 11, 2002. This measure would request the Regents of the University of California to consider expansion of the Charles R. Drew/UCLA Undergraduate Medical Education Program as a component of the University's current system-wide medical education program assessment. SB 1162 now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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